

# Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Power From Heaven Marches Victorious  
to the Ends of the Earth

Ascension

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*"Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace."*

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## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

## **THEME FOR TODAY**

When the Church gathers, it regularly remembers Christ's ascension. The words "He ascended into heaven" are found in all three ecumenical creeds which we use to confess our faith. In addition, the Church sets aside a day each year on which this event takes center stage. This is for good reason. Jesus' ascension marked the fact that his work was complete. Never again will a sacrifice for sin need to be made. However, Jesus' ascension also marks that his work is just beginning. Through the Church Jesus now proclaims forgiveness throughout the world. The Church consists of people like us who are often weak and timid witnesses for Christ. So Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to give us power from heaven, that we might take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

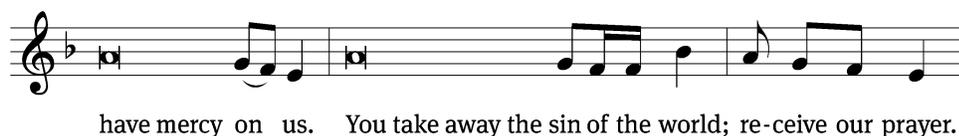
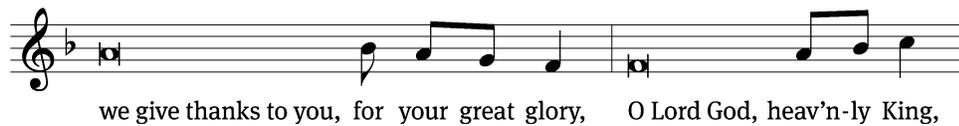
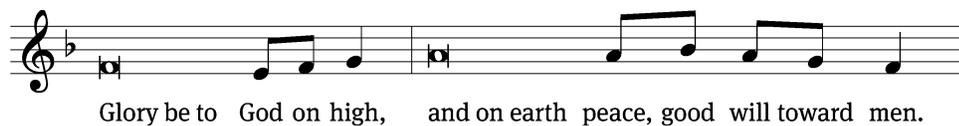
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

CW 157



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

*Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 47A God Has Gone Up with a Shout

*Psalm 47A*



## Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

*Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.*

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472

## Sermon

Acts 1:1–11

### **Take Refuge in the Ascension’s Promised Power**

- I. The Power of Jesus’ Works**
- II. The Power of the Holy Spirit**
- III. Christ’s Ruling Power in Heaven**

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.

**Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;  
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;  
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;  
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;  
to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;  
to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children  
alone grant wisdom and strength.

**Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to  
grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered  
here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so  
that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus  
Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw  
strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own  
high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all  
the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

**Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

**747 Christ High-Ascended**

CW 747

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

CW 476

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:15 am Bible Class 6:00 pm Bible Class
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Cracker Barrel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 9:15 am – 10:15 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**



Shellie Dissmore provided the flowers for the chancel today to give thanks and praise to God on the occasion of her 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Happy anniversary to Shellie and Gary!. We join them in thanking God for the blessings of marriage and ask him to bless all the families of our congregation with harmony and joy as we live our lives for Christ.

*Dear Prince of Peace Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful retirement surprise! Words cannot express how much it meant to me. I will cherish the clock and Bible book cover. The flowers are beautiful. I appreciated the cake and refreshments. Also, thank you for the cards, gifts, and well wishes. It has been a privilege working at the preschool and a blessing to teach the children about Jesus.*



*Blessings and love,  
Nancy Majors*



Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a national, non-profit, layed organization that was formed to raise funds and award grants for sharing Christian fellowship and support with military men and women and their loved ones. LMSG is made up of more than 350 congregations and many individuals who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Formed by veterans in 2015, LMSG has approved grants that contributed thousands of dollars toward local congregations to support and thank military men, women and their families.

Monday, May 30, is a special day for our country because we remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States. During this time of year, and also at Veterans Day, LMSG asks for donations to help carry out our work of sharing the Gospel with military members and their loved ones. *LMSG asks for your help with their "Ammo Box" donation drives scheduled to take place each year at Memorial Day and Veterans Day.*

To learn more about LMSG and its work, visit <http://www.lutheranmilitary.org/>

<u>Operating Offerings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Mortgage Progress</u>
5/22/22           \$ 2,257.01	8:00 am           28	5/22/22           \$ 57.00
Month to Date   \$ 12,286.01	10:30 am        40	Month to Date   \$ 2,966.00
YTD               \$ 78,494.00	Total            68	YTD               \$ 16,946.00
Budget YTD     \$ 79,977.00	35% of total membership	Budget YTD     \$ 13,762.00
2021 YTD       \$ 80,295.00		2021 YTD       \$ 16,550.00
<b>Weekly needs May Operating Offering</b>		<b>\$ 3,831.00</b>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment</b>		<b>\$ 2,867.00</b>